lected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Strategies for reduction of poverty during the Seventh Five-Year Plan

1718. SHRI NARENDRA SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has suggested three alternative strategies for reduction of poverty during the Seventh Five-Year Plan;

(b) if so, what are those alternative strategies so proposed;

(c) what decision has been taken by Government thereon; and

(d) the number of persons estimated to be below the poverty line at the end of 1983-84, 1984-85 as per the strategy decided upon by Government?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) According to the Approach to the Seventh Five-Year-Plan, the percentage of persons below the poverty line will be sought to be reduced to 10 per cent by 1994-95. The precise estimates of the number of people below the poverty line by the end of the Sixth and the Seventh Plans, are yet to be worked out. No estimates of people below the poverty line by the end of 1983-84 have been made.

Students killed/injured in Sri Lanka violence

1719. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of students who were injured/killed in violent incidents in Sri Lanka in July, 1984;

(b) what were the reasons for the out-break of violence; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps with regard to this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) Student-police clashes were reported to have taken place at a few Universities in Sri Lanka in July 1984, in which one student lost his life and several sustained injuries.

These incidents were reportedly sparked off by the news of the killing of a medical student in Peradeniya University as a result of police firing.

Anti-defection legislation

1720. SHRI ARABINDA GHOSH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seized of the problem of defection by the legislators; and

(b) whether Government propose to introduce anti-defection legislation in Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) The Government is seized of the problem of defections. However, this problem forms part of the larger issue of Electoral Reforms and it cannot be viewed in isolation. This problem is, therefore, being considered by the Central Government along with other issues connected with Electoral Reforms.

Unnatural deaths in the Capital

1721. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unnatural deaths that have taken place in the capital as on the 30th June, 1984;

(b) the number of unnatural deaths which took place during the last three years in the capital;

(c) whether incidence of such deaths has increased in the current year; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?